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LETTER DATED 24 JUNE 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi national airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation during the period 17 to 21 June 1993.

17 June 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was reported in the northern region on 17 June 1993.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, and Busayyah.

18 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 67 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Jalibah, Qurnah and Qal'at Salih.

19 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Basra, Khidr, Busayyah, Shinafiyah, Rumaythah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah and Qal'at Salih.

20 June 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was reported in the northern region on 20 June 1993.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Qal'at Salih.

21 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Amarah, Salman, Artawi, Lasaf, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

At 1009 hours on 21 June 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft penetrated Iraq's airspace over the Salman area flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres. At 1110 hours it disappeared to the south of that area in the direction of Saudi airspace.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Adnan MALIK
Chargé d'affaires a.i.